

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 28
By Boyer

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of former Representative
Loy L. Smith of Knox County.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of one of its most respected members, former state Representative Loy Smith; and

WHEREAS, Representative Smith was the son of the late Maxwell M. Smith and Hassie Loy Smith; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the House of Representatives for seven terms, Loy Smith distinguished himself on Capitol Hill as a man of great wisdom and compassion, earning the universal respect and admiration of his peers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was associated with the John Bailey Insurance Company, where he served with probity for 40 years, earning the respect and admiration of friends and peers alike; and

WHEREAS, Representative Smith evinced his faith as an active and devout member of the Thorngrove Christian Church, where he served as deacon; and

WHEREAS, Loy Smith served his fellow citizens of Tennessee with diligence and efficiency that will not soon be duplicated, both in his position as House Republican Leader and as Chairman of the Knox County Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, despite the many demands placed upon him, Loy Smith still found time to lend his time and prodigious talent to the Carter Optimists Club, the Odd Fellows Lodge, Sons

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of the Revolution, Pascal Carter Memorial Park Association, Thorngrove Community Club, Knoxville Elks Lodge, Volunteer Carriage Club and the Tuckahoe Rabbit Hunters Club; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Loy Smith leaves behind will be long remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Lonna Rhea Smith; was the proud parent of one daughter, Scottie L. Baxter; and three sons, David L., James L. and Jeffery L. Smith. He is survived by two sisters, Ruth R. Smith and Helen H. Smith; and a brother, Maxwell M. Smith, Jr., all of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, for 14 years this man of integrity and impeccable moral character served the people of Tennessee, putting aside personal concerns to further the cause of responsible government; and

WHEREAS, Representative Smith worked tirelessly in service of countless good works, not for profit, applause or acclaim, but rather for the satisfaction of knowing Tennessee is a better place to live as a result of his efforts. His love and respect for the responsibilities and duties of his office will be long remembered by his colleagues and the many people whose lives he enriched; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of our former colleague, Representative Loy L. Smith, remembering with admiration his exemplary character and many selfless contributions to the people of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Representative Smith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.